

House Resolution No. 61

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are deeply saddened by the news of the recent passing of Johnnie L. Triplett, well known and respected St. Louis labor organizer; and

Whereas, on August 18, 1952, Johnnie L. Triplett, affectionately known as “Big John,” was born in Macon, Mississippi, to the union of John and Lena Triplett, the eldest of five children; and

Whereas, Johnnie Triplett attended St. Louis Public Schools and St. Louis Community College at Forest Park, where he became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; and

Whereas, after a brief career in the United States military, from which he was honorably discharged, Johnnie Triplett completed an apprenticeship with Bricklayers Local 1 and later joined the brotherhood of Plumbers & Pipefitters Local 562; and

Whereas, Johnnie Triplett served as a pipefitter and union organizer with Local 562 for over twenty-nine years, organizing non-union shops and fighting for quality jobs and wages; and

Whereas, Johnnie Triplett worked for inclusion within the union membership, and as a member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, he worked with other union members to create an organization called Men Who Care, which raised money for charity; and

Whereas, on October 18, 1975, Johnnie Triplett took the hand of his bride, Jill Bass, in holy matrimony, and two children were born to this union, Kacie Starr Triplett and Travis John Triplett, who will treasure the memory of their father; and

Whereas, Johnnie Triplett will also be long remembered by his loving parents, John and Lena Triplett; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Rebecca McClure, Jennifer Whitfield and her husband, Scott, and Tracy Triplett; a granddaughter, Christiana; a special friend, Diane Johnson; and a host of friends and other relatives:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our deepest condolences to the family of Johnnie Triplett on this sad occasion; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the family of Johnnie L. Triplett.

Offered by _____
Representative Connie L. Johnson
District No. 61

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 61, adopted January 10, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker